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SUBJECT: REACTION TO DUTCH WEEKLY'S PUBLICATION OF ALLEGED  
CIA EMPLOYEES NAMES

1. OVERALL MEDIA COVERAGE CAN BE TERMED LOW KEY AND LIMITED. MOST DAILIES CARRIED FACTUAL STORY REPORTING PUBLICATION ARTICLE IN DUTCH NEW LEFT WEEKLY VRIJ NEDERLAND AND EMBASSY STATEMENT RELYING ON DEPT. SPOKESMAN COMMENT OF JANUARY 13. ONLY "VOLKSKRANT" (CATHOLIC LABOR, LEFT) HAAGE COURANT (INDEPENDENT LIBERAL), AND DUTCH NEWS SERVICE ANP REPEATED NAMES LISTED IN VRIJ NEDERLAND ARTICLE. THERE HAS BEEN SOME POSITIVE EDITORIAL REACTION (SEE BELOW). RADIO REPORTS LIMITED TO STRAIGHT REPORTING OF PUBLICATION WITH A FEW AMERICAN NAMES INCLUDED IN EARLIEST REPORTS. TELEVISION COVERAGE SO FAR LIMITED TO STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTS WITH NO NAMES.

2. CONTINUING DUTCH MEDIA (AND PARLIAMENTARY) INTEREST IN GULF-LOCKHEED ISSUES AND QUESTIONS OF BRIBERY HAS CAUSED PRESS TO FOCUS MORE ATTENTION ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT MENTIONED IN ARTICLE BECAUSE OF THEIR TRAVELS TO U.S. ON IV GRANTS. PRESS HAS EMPHASIZED THIS FACET OF ARTICLE AND FEATURED DEPUTIES REBUTTALS TO CHARGES OF CIA CONNECTIONS WITH THEIR GRANTS.

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3. EXCERPTS FROM PRESS: "DE TELEGRAAF" (INDEPENDENT, CONSERVATIVE) IN A BYLINER SIGNED BY DEPUTY CHIEF AND FOREIGN EDITOR J.G. HEITINK: "A REVOLTING GAME WITH VERY ONE-SIDED RULES OF PLAY." HE CONTINUES ABOUT THE DANGER OF "UPSETTING MATTERS IN THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, A SERVICE ESSENTIAL TO A COUNTRY WITH INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY...TYPICAL IS NOT ONLY THIS PUBLICATION'S (VRIJ NEDERLAND) SICKENING ANTI-AMERICANISM BUT ALSO ITS ONE-SIDEDNESS. OUR ALLY IS BEING ATTACKED, THE COUNTRY WHICH PROVIDES US WITH THE NUCLEAR PROTECTION WHICH WE IN WESTERN EUROPE NEED IN ORDER TO KEEP OUT OF THE SPHERE OF RUSSIAN INFLUENCE...INDIRECTLY THE RUSSIANS ALWAYS PROFIT IF THE INTEREST OF THE AMERICANS, OF NATO AND OF THE WEST'S SOCIETY ARE UNDERMINED. ONE THING WHICH PROVES THE WORTH OF U.S. SOCIETY IS THAT IN THE U.S. EVERYTHING WHICH IS WRONG CAN BE EXPOSED AND FREELY DISCUSSED..."

4. HAAGSCHE COURANT (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) IN AN EDITORIAL ON JAN. 22: "THIS IS BECOMING A NICE PARLOR GAME...UNDOUBTEDLY A LOT OF REVELATIONS ARE TO FOLLOW, BUT THE REVEALERS OFTEN OVERSHOOT THEIR TARGET. A NOBLE ALTHOUGH DIFFICULT TASK IS TO EXPOSE THE ILLEGAL PRACTICES OF INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF ANY COUNTRY WHATSOEVER, BUT TO PRODUCE NAMES BORDERS ON IRRESPONSIBILITY, AS PROVED BY WELCH'S MURDER. THERE OUGHT TO BE A GOOD REASON FOR EVERY DISCLOSURE. FOR INSTANCE THE PERSON IN QUESTION MUST BE OCCUPIED IN ACTIVITIES UNSUITABLE TO THE SECURITY OF THE HOST COUNTRY. PEOPLE WHO WOULD INSIST ON PUBLISHING EACH AND EVERY NAME OF A FOREIGN AGENT SHOULD FIRST HAVE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION WHETHER IN THE WORLD OF TODAY (IN WHICH A BALANCE OF POWER IS THE ONLY BASIS FOR AN ARMED PEACE) GREAT POWERS CAN MANAGE WITHOUT SECRET SERVICES."

5. COMMENT: SO FAR MEDIA REACTION TO "VRIJ NEDERLAND" ARTICLE IS MODERATE. DUTCH POLITICAL FIGURES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE AND OTHERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED IV GRANTS PROVING QUITE CAPABLE OF DEFENDING THEMSELVES AND THIS SEEMS TO BE WHERE MAIN MEDIA INTEREST LIES FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MOMENT. PRESS AND BROADCAST REQUESTS FOR FURTHER COMMENTS OR INTERVIEWS WITH THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUE TO TRICKLE IN, BUT JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC AND UNDERSTANDING TO NEGATIVE RESPONSE.  
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